

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1234
By Sargent

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Matt Schrimpf of
Centennial High School on his selection as a
Presidential Scholar.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to excellence have distinguished themselves both in the classroom and in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Matt Schrimpf of Centennial High School is one such exceptional student who was recently named a 2004 Presidential Scholar by the United States Presidential Scholars program; and

WHEREAS, an extremely competitive program, only 141 students are named Presidential Scholars nationwide each year, the selection of Mr. Schrimpf is a testament to his impeccable academic record; and

WHEREAS, established in 1964 by executive order of the President of the United States to recognize and honor the nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors, the Presidential Scholar program was expanded in 1979 to recognize those students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts; and

WHEREAS, a Senior at Centennial High School, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Matt has achieved an exemplary 4.5 grade point average and plans to continue his education in the fall at prestigious Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, as a Presidential Scholar, Matt Schrimpf will enjoy an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. during National Recognition Week to meet with government officials, educators, authors, musicians, scientists, and other accomplished individuals; and

WHEREAS, during his week in Washington, Mr. Schrimpf will also have the opportunity to visit museums and monuments and attend recitals, receptions and the presentation

ceremony sponsored by the White House, where he will receive his Presidential Scholar medallion commemorating his achievement; and

WHEREAS, all Presidential Scholars are asked to identify those educators who have most influenced them, and accompanying Matt to our nation's capitol will be an outstanding teacher who will also receive special recognition by the Presidential Scholars program; and

WHEREAS, Matt's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Matt Schrimpf's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Matt Schrimpf upon his selection as a 2004 Presidential Scholar and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.